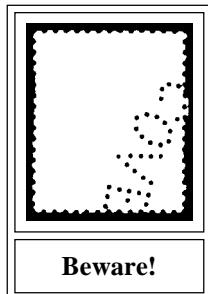


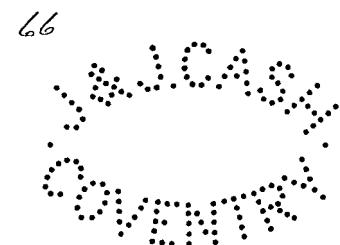
## Curved Perfins.

Of the **24,760** Perfin patterns that can be found on the postage stamps of Great Britain, only a handful *of which* show some form of curved arrangement of the letters. The majority of examples date to the Victorian and Edwardian eras, with the earliest probably being "S&S/B" (S6466.01) dating from around 1872.

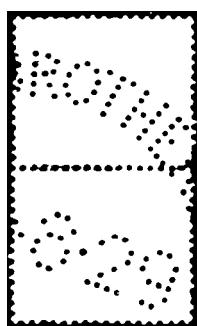
Partials are a problem with Perfins in general, particularly so when they're rare as it's difficult to know for sure whether they were applied (badly) to protect the stamp from theft prior to use, or whether they were the result of a chance encounter with a receipt or cancelling device. The 'unique' example below shows "COVE" which has always been suspected of being a partial because of the '223' Duplex for Coventry. We now know that the die was a much larger affair and was actually made by J Sloper & Co, although it's purpose is unknown. The full illustration has been taken from one of Sloper's Specimen Books.



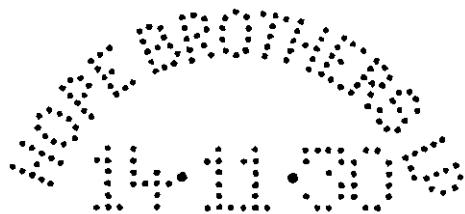
In use: c1878.  
Dates:  
Issues: QV 1d (SG43) - plate 213  
  
Note: This is a partial of a much larger perforating die made by J Sloper & Co.  
Ident: J & J Cash,  
Ribbon Weavers,  
Coventry.  
Pmks: '223' (Coventry).  
  
**Beware!**



A fair number of examples exist where there can be no doubt that the punctures were produced from a receipt die as the vertical pair of KGV PUC 1d's illustrated below shows - dated 1929. The full strike would have read 'HOPE BROTHERS LTD over a date'.

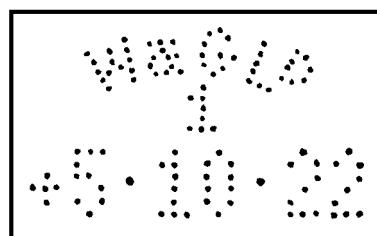
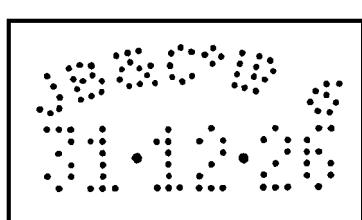


**Hope Brothers**  
LTD  
Tailors and  
Complete Outfitters



The two illustrations below are:

- A full strike from a receipt die used by **John Barker & Co Ltd**. Note the figure '6' after the firm's initials which suggests that there were a number of similar machines, no doubt each one allocated to a specific department within Barker's.
- A full strike from a receipt die used by **Waring & Gillow Ltd**, Oxford St, London W1, part of which also went through the KGV 2d stamp used on the receipt.



Illustrated below are the three 'BP and Scroll' patterns believed to have been made by J Sloper & Co for their company secretary W O Hawkins, who was a keen scouting enthusiast! Two show the letters placed at an angle to each other which could be viewed as being 'curved'. W O Hawkins was company secretary of J Sloper & Co from 1939 through to 1960.

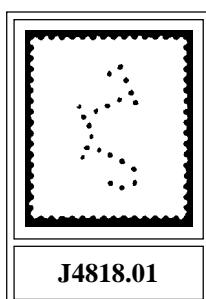
The three dies are only known used on the 1957 Jubilee Jamboree Scouting set issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1957. The 2½d (SG557) with B5617.01, the 4d (SG558) with B5616.01, and the 1/3d (SG559) with B5617.02.



Mint sheets of stamps with these Perfins were only discovered in 1993, and were originally viewed with some scepticism. However, their authenticity has now been substantiated by the discovery of a First Day Cover posted at Ludgate Circus B.O., London EC4, and addressed to Mr W O Hawkins. The cover has also been perforated with the "Curved B.P/Curved Line" Perfin. Undoubtedly, the "BP" in the designs is for '**Baden Powell**', founder of the Scouting movement.

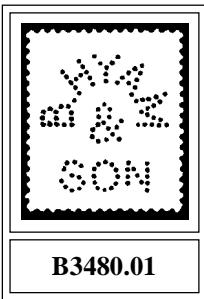


There is another Perfin Die showing just two letters at an angle to each other - "JL" (J4818.01). Again it could be argued that they are curved so are shown here for completion.



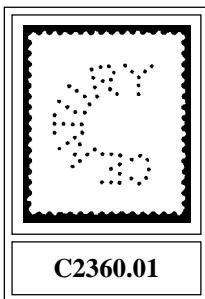
In use: 1890-1915, and c1935.  
 Dates: 3 Dec 1894 - 30 Aug 1907.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
       F ½d (ye-gn), 1d, 2½d  
       I(RC) 1d  
       LD: 30 Aug 1907.  
       ED:  
       M 1½d (poor state)  
 Note: Perfin also known upright.  
 Ident: Joseph Laing,  
       Shipbuilders,  
       Deptford Yard, Sunderland.  
 Pmks: '761' (Sun)derland.

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**B3480.01**

In use: 1875-1885.  
 Dates: 24 May 1881 - 26 Sep 1882.  
 Issues: QV 1d (SG43) - plates known  
 177 203 206 207 209  
 QV ½d, 1d (SG164/6)  
 B 1d (14 & 16 dots)  
**QV Inland Revenue:**  
 1d Die 4 - Watermark n/k.  
 Ident: B Hyam & Son,  
 Wholesale & Export Clothiers,  
 56 Cannon St, London EC.  
 Pmks: London 'Diamond (Chief Office)'.

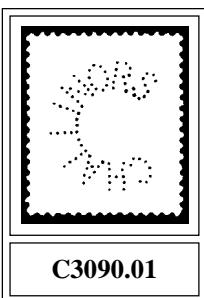


**C2360.01**

In use: 1901-1903.  
 Dates: 25 Nov 1901 - 30 Dec 1902.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
 E ½d (gn)  
 F ½d (bl-gn), 1d  
 Ident: Century Insurance Co Ltd,  
 Edinburgh.  
 Also 35 Moorgate St,  
 London EC.  
 Pmks: London W, 'WC' in Triangle,  
 London WC, 'Bed St' in Triangle.

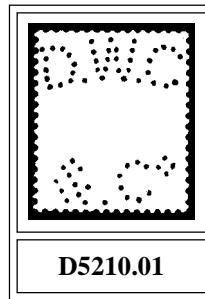
### Century Insurance Co Ltd.

Incorporated in 1885 as the Sickness & Accident Assurance Association Ltd.  
 Name changed in 1901 to the Century Insurance Co Ltd.



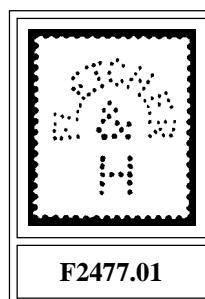
**C3090.01**

In use: 1883-1941.  
 Dates: 17 Nov 1893 - ... 1940.  
 Issues: QV ½d (SG164)  
 B 1d (16 dots)  
 D ½d  
 E ½d (verm)  
 F 1d  
 H 1d  
 I(BC) ½d, 1d, 2d  
 O ½d  
 Q ½d, 1½d  
 Note: Sloper single headed die, believed destroyed in the "Blitz" on Sloper's premises in May 1941.  
 Ident: Challinors, Solicitors,  
 Hanley, Staffs.  
 {Later Challinors & Dickson}.  
 Pmks: Hanley, (Gre)at Haywood, and  
 '5(49)' (Stoke)-on-Trent.



**D5210.01**

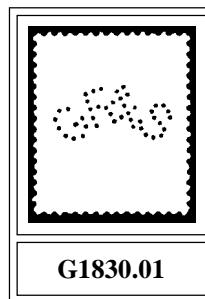
In use: 1890-1905.  
 Dates: 12 June 1894 - 10 July 1905.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
 E ½d (both), ½d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d  
 F ½d (both), 1d-2d, 3d, 4d (gr/bn)  
 Ident: Duke, Waring, Crisp & Co,  
 Wholesale Wire Workers,  
 139 Wardour St,  
 London W.  
 Pmks: Greek St, Berwick St, London W.



**F2477.01**

In use: 1890-1894.  
 Dates: 11 June 1893.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
 E 6d

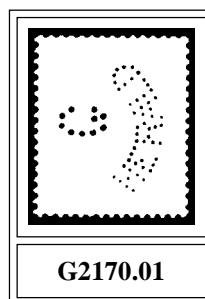
Ident: Ø Fletcher & Haslam, Corn  
 Merchants & Flour Factors,  
 5 Corn Exchange Chambers,  
 London EC. Also Old Corn  
 Exchange, London EC.  
 'Haslam & Makovski' were  
 at 4 & 5 Corn Exchange by  
 1895 - see "H&M"  
 (H4880.03).  
 Pmks: London Diamond (Chief Office).



**G1830.01**

In use: 1877-1930.  
 Dates: 6 Dec 1879 - 6 Jan 1913.  
 Issues: QV 1d (SG43) - plates known  
 190 195 213 214 222 225  
 QV 2½d - plate 21  
 QV 1d (SG166)  
 B 1d (14 & 16 dots)  
 D ½d  
 E ½d (both), 2d-3d  
 F ½d (both), 1d, ½d, 2½d, 3d  
 F 4d (gr/bn), 6d, 9d  
 H ½d, 1d  
 I(RC/BC) ½d-2d  
 L 1½d

Note: Perfin also known sideways.  
 Ident: George Farmiloe & Sons Ltd,  
 Window Glass Cutter,  
 and Lead Merchants,  
 34 St John St, London EC1.  
 Pmks: London EC.



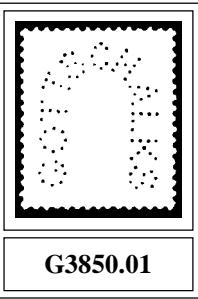
**G2170.01**

In use: 1885-1903.  
 Dates: 16 Mar 1888 - 23 July 1898.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
 D ½d  
 E ½d (verm)  
 F ½d (bl-gn)

Ident: The Glasgow Herald,  
 65 Buchanan St, Glasgow.  
 Also 65 Fleet St, London EC.  
 Pmks: Glasgow, and Edinburgh.

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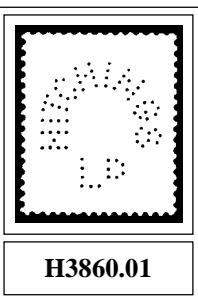


**G3850.01**

In use: 1903-1905.  
Dates: 23 Feb 1903 - 24 Jan 1905.  
Issues: F ½d (bl-gn), 1½d-2½d, 5d, 6d

Ident: Ø Gustav Gottschalks & Co,  
Shipping Merchants,  
90 Aytoun St, Manchester.  
Also Woollen & Mantle  
Merchants, 16 Distaff Lane,  
London EC.

Pmks: London EC. Also Manches(ter).

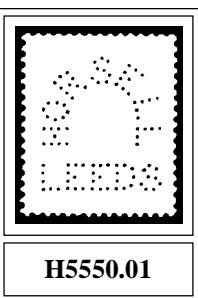


**H3860.01**

In use: 1895-1908.  
Dates: 26 Apr 1901 - 4 Sep 1905.  
Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
E ½d (both)  
F ½d (both), 1d

Ident: Ø Hitchings Ltd,  
Perambulator Mfrs,  
86 New Bond St, and  
329/331 Oxford St,  
London W.  
Also Georges Place,  
London SW.

Pmks: London W.

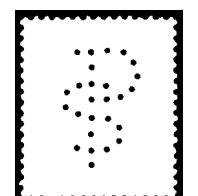


**H5550.01**

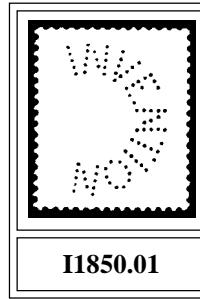
In use: 1908-1930.  
Dates: 28 June 1910 - 15 Dec 1914.  
Issues: F ½d (ye-gn)  
H ½d, 1d  
I(RC) ½d-2d  
L ½d

Ident: Frank Horsell & Co Ltd,  
Printing Ink, and Litho Materials  
Mfrs, Victoria Rd, Leeds.

Pmks:



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**I1850.01**

In use: 1885-1895.  
Dates: 8 June 1886 - 27 Aug 1894.  
Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
D ½d  
E ½d (verm), 1½d

Note: See also "G.F.R.&C°." (G1810.01).

Ident: G F Redfern & Co,  
Patent Agents, 54 Fleet St,  
London EC. Later at 4 South St,  
Finsbury, London EC.  
{TA INVENTION}.

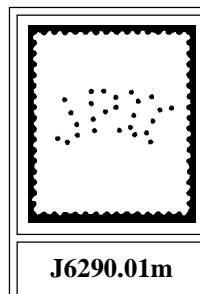
Pmks: 'NPB', London.  
Also Glasgow, and (Pa)ddington.

An 1895 P.O. Directory has the following entry:

*G F Redfern & Co, Patent Agents, Design & Trade Mark Registration Agents, and Sole Agents for the Arithmometer for England, America & the Colonies, 5 South St, Finsbury, London EC..*

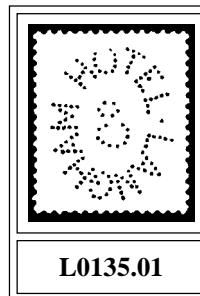


The 'Arithmometer' was an early digital mechanical calculator capable of performing the four basic arithmetic functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Patented in France in 1820 by Thomas de Colmar (1785-1870), but not produced commercially until exhibited at the Great Exhibition in London in 1851. The last model was produced c1915, by which time 5,500 had been made.



**J6290.01m**

In use: 1983.  
Dates: 15 Oct 1983.  
Issues: W ½, 1, 4, 4a, 16, 29, 50, 75  
£1, £1.30, £2, £5 (SG1026/6b/7/8)  
Note: Sloper single headed die.  
In all 28 different denominations  
are believed to exist - details n/k.  
Ident: Issued 15<sup>th</sup> October 1983 to  
commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Pope John Paul II as Pontif.  
Pmks:

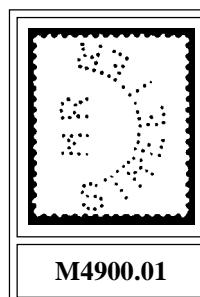


**L0135.01**

In use: 1876-1877.  
Dates:  
Issues: **QV Inland Revenue:**  
1d Dies 2 & 3

Ident: Langham Hotel Co Ltd,  
Portland Place,  
London W.  
{Registered 1868}.

Pmks:

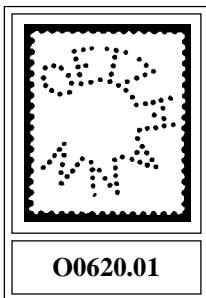


**M4900.01**

In use: 1882-1883.  
Dates:  
Issues: QV 3d on 3d  
QV 4d - plate 18  
QV 6d - plate 18  
QV 5d (SG169)  
Ident: Ø Mr Streeter, Diamond  
Merchant & Goldsmith,  
18 New Bond St,  
London W. {Est 1670}.  
Pmks: London W.

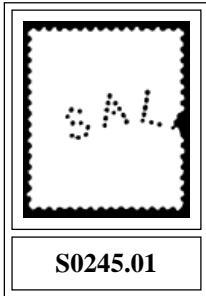
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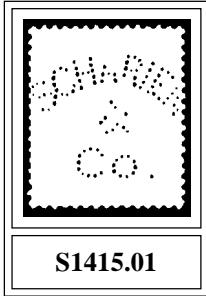
**O0620.01**

In use: 1883-1905.  
 Dates: ... 1883 - 23 Oct 1905.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
 D 2½d-6d  
 E ½d (both), 1½d-6d, 1/- (gn)  
 F ½d (bl-gn), 1d, 1½d, 4d (gr;br)  
 F 5d, 6d  
 Ident: Oetzmann & Co,  
 House Furnishers,  
 67-69 Hampstead Rd, London NW.  
 Pmks: Euston (Rd), and London NW.



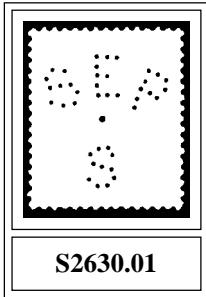
**S0245.01**

In use: c1875.  
 Dates:  
 Issues: QV 1d (SG43) - plate 182  
  
 Note: Partial of "SAL...".  
 Ident:  
  
 Pmks: '75' (Birmingham).



**S1415.01**

In use: c1890.  
 Dates:  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
  
 Ident: Ø Scharien & Co,  
 Builders & Contractors,  
 12A Trafalgar Sq,  
 Chelsea, London SW.  
 Pmks: London.



**S2630.01**

In use: 1964-1983.  
 Dates: 31 Oct 1964\* - 19 July 1983.  
 Issues: U(MC) ½d-10d, 1/- to 1/6d  
 V ½d, 1d, 2d (I), 3d, 4d (both)  
 W ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 2½a, 3, 3a, 4  
 W 4½, 5, 5a, 6½, 10a, 12½, 16  
 X 2½d (SG651)  
 X 3d (SG646/655/659/665/681)  
 X 3d (SG687/713/756)  
 X 6d (SG616)  
 X 2½p (SG913)  
 X 3p, 9p (SG909/912)  
 X 3p (SG916)  
 X 3½p, 5½p (SG954/5)  
 X 4½p (SG958/962)  
 X 5½p, 8p (SG963/4)  
 X 7p (SG1044/6)  
 X 9p (SG893/903)  
 X 11p, 13p (SG1016/7)  
 X 12½p (SG1231)  
 X 16p, 20½p (SG1215/6)  
 X 16p (SG1227)

## Regionals:

Y (Guernsey) 2½d, 3d  
 Y (Isle of Man) 2½d, 3d  
 Y (Scotland) 3d

Y (Jersey) 2½d, 3d  
 Y (Northern Ireland) 3d  
 Y (Wales & Mon) 3d

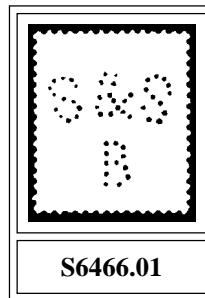
Z (Northern Ireland) 3p, 3½p, 6½p, 8½p

Also used on postage stamps of Eire, and U.S.A.

Note: Hand operated machine made by Baddeley Bros, London, in 1964 at a cost of £9 15/-. Fitted with a single headed die.

Ident: Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of Great Britain.  
 First day of use was 31<sup>st</sup> October 1964\* when Bulletin N°.  
 61 was dispatched.

Pmks: Bromley, Ramsgate, Kent, Leeds, London, Newbury,  
 Reading, Berk(shire), and Rhyl, Flintsh(ire).

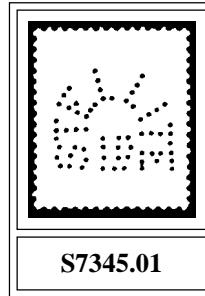


**S6466.01**

In use: 1872-1878.  
 Dates:  
 Issues: QV 1d (SG43) - plates known  
 152, 161, 180, 200

Ident:

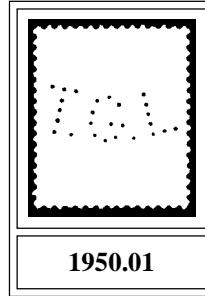
Pmks: '75' (Birmingham).



**S7345.01**

In use: 1935-1937.  
 Dates: 7 Oct 1936 - 23 Mar 1937.  
 Issues: M 1½d  
 O ½d, 1½d

Ident: Ø Stellite Ltd,  
 Smokeless Fuel Plant,  
 Queensferry, Flintshire.  
 Pmks: Queensf(er)ry.



**1950.01**

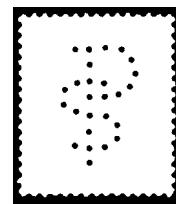
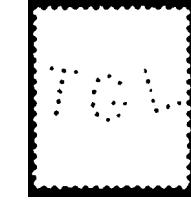
In use: 1895-1923.  
 Dates: 11 Mar 1895 - 7 Dec 1922.  
 Issues: B 1d (16 dots)  
 E ½d (both), 3d  
 F ½d (both), 1d  
 I(RC) ½d-2d

Note: Perfin also found sideways.  
 Stops go missing after June 1915.

Ident: Multiple users:  
 1. Thomas Grimshaw & Sons,  
 Hosiery Mfrs, 25 Dale St,  
 Manchester.  
 2. The "Oak Tree" Hosiery Co  
 Ltd, formerly Thomas  
 Grimshaw & Sons,  
 25 & 27 Dale St, Manchester.

Pmks: '498' Manchester.

<<<< Stops go missing sometime  
 after June 1915.



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The details quoted for each of the 'Curved' Perfin dies  
 are correct to **1<sup>st</sup> January 2019**.